



Regional Service Council Minutes Region 8

Meeting Date: June 17, 2015

Meeting Location: Vigo County DCS
30 N. 8th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Council Members Present: Heidi Decker, Vigo County Director; Andrea Williams, Vermillion/Parke County Director; Diana Thomson, Clay County FCM; Mike Goodwin, Sullivan County Director; Jason Holt, Clay County Director; Heather Anderson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor; Misty Kitchell, Vigo County DCS Supervisor

Council Members Absent: Terry Modesitt, Vigo County Prosecutor; Judy Schoffstall, Foster Parent Representative; Judge Dan Kelly, Vigo County Circuit Judge; Bruce Stengel, Vermillion Circuit Judge; Nikki Fuhrmeister, CASA Director; Susan Lesko, Regional Manager; Megan Richardson, Vigo County DCS Supervisor

Others in Attendance: Sheila Johnson, Vigo County DCS; Kristina Killen, Regional Services Coordinator; Angi Johnson, Children's Bureau; Richard Troyer, Lifeline Youth and Family Services; Anna Cedars, Family Interventions; Mary Yelton, CRADLES of Clay County; Emily Owen, Hamilton Center Inc.; Deborah Hodson, Hamilton Center Inc.; Kathy Ocampo, Hamilton Center Inc.; Kenneth Malapote, South West Indiana Youth Village

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 3:11pm

Heidi Decker welcomed attendees and led the introductions. Minutes were read from the April 15, 2015 meeting. Heidi entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Andrea Williams made motion to accept the April 15, 2015 minutes and Mike Goodwin seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Budget Update

Lolita – Handed out the budget information through May 2015. We are 26% over budget.

Community Partners/Prevention Services Update

Angi Johnson - Handed out information through May 2015. 344 referred in 2015; 106 current active families and 32 current engaging families.

Father Engagement – There will be an event celebrating dads and families in Vigo County Friday, June 19th. There are currently three fatherhood engagement workers.

Allocated fund for 7/1/2014 – 6/30/2015 – Happiness bag declined their allocated money so it was reallocated and the reserve fund was used. \$5,000 given to Sullivan County Family Court Project and Chances for Youth received \$5,000. All money has been used at this point.

Prevention Fund Allocations

The Proposal for Prevention Fund Allocations for 2015 – 2016 was presented. Heidi Decker entertained a motion to accept the Proposal for Prevention Fund Allocations. Mike Goodwin made motion to accept the Proposal for Prevention Fund Allocations and Misty Kitchell seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

Biennial Strategic Plan

Kristina Killen – Save the date: There will be a provider fair in Vigo County on July 30th.

CRADLES

Mary Yelton – Handed out information thru June 17, 2015.

Additional Business

DCS

Andrea Williams is now the Vermillion County DCS Director and is also covering Parke County DCS until a Director is hired.

Region 8 is hiring more Family Case Managers.

Diana Thomson will be retiring in August.

Everyone is invited to a retirement party for Debbie Long on July 29th at the Vigo County office from 2 – 4pm.

Pam Connelly's limestone at the Children's Museum is done.

Hamilton Center Inc.

Emily Owens – HCI has a new plan in place to retain staff.

Meeting adjourned at 3:32pm

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 3:00pm in the second floor training room.